

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 97-294-E - ORDER NO. 97-696
AUGUST 12, 1997

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IN RE: Request of South Carolina Electric) ORDER
 & Gas Company for Approval of a) APPROVING
 Contract for Electric Service between) CONTRACT
 the Company and SMI Steel.)

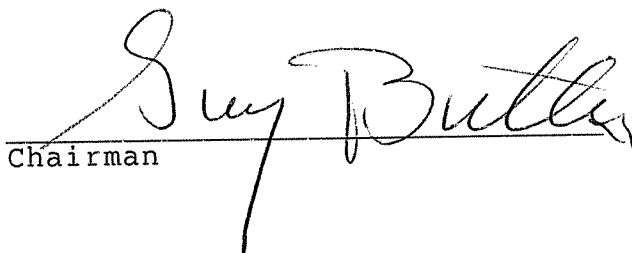
This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (SCE&G or the Company) for approval of its contract for electric service between the Company and SMI Steel (formerly Owen Steel). This contract serves SMI Steel's plant containing its arc furnace located in Cayce, South Carolina. The contract is an Interruptible Service Agreement at a delivery voltage of 230 KV. The Company asks that we approve this contract retroactively back to June 1, 1997. Further, SCE&G requests that the contract be accorded confidential protection pursuant to S.C. Code Regs. 103-804 (Y)(2)(a) & (b) (1976 and Supp. 1996).

We have examined the terms of this contract and hereby approve it with an initial date of June 1, 1997. However, we deny confidential treatment under the cited Regulation, since we do not think that SCE&G has met its burden of showing why the contract should not be a public record.

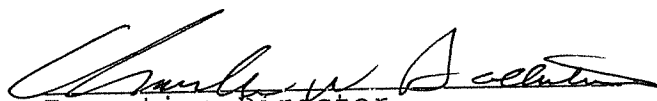
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This Order shall remain in full force and effect until
further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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